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SUBJECT: NATO AEW PROGRAM OFFICE (NAPO) MANNING

1. REQUEST YOU PASS FOLLOWING LETTER TO APPROPRIATE
OFFICIALS/OFFICE IN MOD UK:

THE U.S. GOVERNMENT APPRECIATES THE DIFFICULTIES
WHICH IN THE UK VIEW HAVE CAUSED HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT
TO PROCEED WITH DEVELOPMENT OF NIMROD IN LIEU OF CONTIN-
UING TO PURSUE A COMMON NATO AEW&C SOLUTION BASED ON AWACS.
HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF MARCH 1977 MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE TO
PROCEED WITH AN AEW&C PROGRAM FOR THE ALLIANCE AND HIGH
LEVEL UK ASSURANCE THAT THIS WOULD BE A COMMON OBJECTIVE,
IT IS IMPORTANT THAT CURRENT MOMENTUM BE SUSTAINED IN
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AGREED AREAS OF PROGRAM DEFINITION.

AT THIS STAGE STABILITY IN MANNING FOR THE NATO AEW
PROGRAM OFFICE (NAPO) IN BRUSSELS IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT.
USG UNDERSTANDS UK'S DESIRE TO TRANSFER EXPERIENCED
PERSONNEL TO THE NIMROD PROGRAM AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE TIME
BUT, IN CONSIDERING THE OVERALL NEEDS OF NATO'S AEW&C

REQUIREMENTS, IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT NAPO RETAIN AT LEAST THE UK'S WORKING LEVEL EXPERTISE THROUGH AN ORDERLY TRANSITION PERIOD. SPECIFIC TASKS YET TO BE ACCOMPLISHED INCLUDE REDEFINITION OF PORTIONS OF BOTH THE AIRBORNE AND GROUND SEGMENTS OF THE AWACS PROGRAM FOR NATO, AND THE NEED FOR AN INITIAL INTEROPERABILITY OF NIMROD WITH AWACS.

THE US, LIKE OTHER NATIONS, WILL WORK TO PROVIDE PERSONNEL TO REPLACE UK STAFF, BUT CLOSELY COORDINATED REPLACEMENT ACTION WITH SUITABLE OVERLAP WILL BE NEEDED TO AVOID CRITICAL GAPS IN THE STAFF MANAGEMENT OF THIS IMPORTANT EFFORT. WE URGE UK TO WORK WITH US AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE NAPO TO COORDINATE REPLACEMENT OF DEPARTING UK REPRESENTATIVES SO THAT SMOOTH TRANSITION CAN BE EFFECTED.

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